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SUBJECT: APPROPRIATIONS UNDER FPA

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1. INFORMAL AND PRELIMINARY DEPARTMENT OPINION REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT UNDER FPA FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RECENT SEIZURES IS THAT, IF OWNERS HAVE PROPERLY DOCUMENTED CLAIMS THEY WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR FINES, LICENSE FEES, AND MATRICULAS AS IN PAST. WITH RESPECT TO CONFISCATION, WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT THEY WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR MARKET VALUE OF CONFISCATED CATCH UNDER SECTION 7 OF FPA. ALSO, SECTION 7 PROVIDES FOR PAYMENT TO OWNER AND CREW OF UP TO 50 PERCENT OF GROSS INCOME LOST AS A RESULT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION, AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

2. FYI- AMOUNT PRESENTLY IN FISHERMEN'S PROTECTIVE FUND IS
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APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH WILL PROBABLY

BE DEPLETED AS RESULT OF 7 SEIZURES. AMOUNT IN COMMERCE
DEPT. FUND UNDER SECTION 7 IS ABOUT \$250,000, VALUE OF
CATCH IF CONFISCATED WILL PROBABLY BE OVER ONE MILLION
DOLLARS.

IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SEEK SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
UNDER SEC. 7 AND POSSIBLY SEC. 3 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FULL
REIMBURSEMENT. THUS, FULL REIMBURSEMENT, AT LEAST FOR CON-
FISCATION OF CATCH, DEPENDENT ON CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. KISSINGER

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